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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: John F. Blake  
Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT: Waste Paper Recycling Program

REFERENCE: Presidential Memorandum for the Heads of  
Executive Departments and Agencies dtd  
23 May 1977, same subject (ER 77-1421,  
DDA 77-2985)

1. Action Requested: None; for information only.
2. Background:

a. The General Services Administration (GSA) is responsible for building maintenance and janitorial services performed in Government-owned or commercial-leased buildings occupied by most federal agencies and by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). Therefore, GSA is, as cited in the President's memo, responsible to advise (within environmental guidelines) on implementation of any waste paper recycling program in CIA buildings. GSA has inaugurated a pilot project with the Environmental Protection Agency on this program and plans to have a number of agencies in the Washington area on the program by 1 October 1977. Contact with GSA indicates that CIA is not scheduled to be incorporated into the program until sometime in the future.

b. GSA's program, at present, is designed to recover and recycle high-grade paper only. This creates a unique situation within CIA because most high-grade paper use is for classified documents which are required to be

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declassified before release to GSA for disposal. For efficiency and economy reasons, declassification is accomplished by destruction using either a water pulping process (SOMAT) or a dry, pulverizing process (Hammermill). The Agency has made several attempts to recycle the residue from the wet pulp process, but none have proven cost-effective because of the high water content and resultant high cost of transportation. The dry pulverizing process so completely fragments paper that the fibers are not reusable for paper products. The Agency has funded a study to determine the practicality of using this pulverized residue as a fuel source at the Langley compound. The Department of Defense has recently installed a similar system, and the Agency will soon use this facility for a test burn of our residue in order to measure efficiency and air pollution factors.

3. Staff Position: Agency personnel have coordinated with appropriate GSA officials and are awaiting GSA's schedule to begin implementation of a paper recycling program within CIA's declassification constraints. Additionally, the Agency is proceeding on a parallel program to use its declassified paper as an alternate fuel source.

/s/ John F. Blake

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Remarks: Please provide DCI via DDCI with brief statement on where we stand re waste paper recycling and future plans, so he may be aware in case subject is raised in Cabinet or other forum.

*[Signature]*  
D/ Executive Secretary  
*25 May 77*  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 23, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

In my Environmental Message of May 23, 1977, I indicated my interest in implementing waste paper recycling programs to the extent practicable, in all federal buildings by the end of the year. These programs should be established in keeping with the guidelines issued by the Environmental Protection Agency and with the advice of the General Services Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency.

*Jimmy Carter*